

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Noboru KOUUMURA, et al. ) : Examiner: Jason Y. Pahng  
Appln. No.: 10/717,479 ) : Group Art Unit: 3725  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: